

1	2	3
Northeast Frontier	1.67	1.28
North Western	2.45	1.92
Southern	2.74	2.26
South Central	6.85	4.99
South Eastern	2.16	1.20
South East Central	1.68	0.88
South Western	1.24	0.98
Western	9.18	6.16
West Central	2.95	2.49
TOTAL	77.63	51.97

(d) Booking offices are opened round the clock at all important stations except at stations where no trains are scheduled during night time.

Gauge conversion between Ahmedabad and Udaipur

2695. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) by when the work of gauge conversion between Ahmedabad and Udaipur would be started;
- (b) whether there is any budget provision in Railway's budget for the project;
- (c) whether it is possible to accord priority to this section by Railways; and
- (d) whether it is possible to introduce "Palace on Wheels" type tourist attraction on this route and create a tourism circuit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) This is not a sanctioned project.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Security arrangements at stations

†2696 SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that security checkings carried out at stations after Varanasi and Mumbai blasts have either been stopped or the security personnel remain sitting idle;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government are also aware of the facts that the security personnel appointed for checkings at Varanasi Cantt. and New Delhi railway stations remain sitting idle and any explosive or weapon can be taken without any interruption; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for playing with the lives of millions of general public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

Starting trains in Uttarakhand

2697. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1592 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th December, 2004 and state:

- (a) the details of operational constraints due to which the rescheduling of the train timings were not found feasible;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.